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1. A conference of SED functionaries held in Saalfeld (M 51/J 53) on 14 June 1950 was presided over by party instructors Ludwig and Willi Seckenhein. The conference, which was attended by 25 functionaries of the SED and Railroad Workers' Union, dealt with the question of the Oder-Neisse border and the current peace campaign.
2. The following statements by Ludwig Seckenhein are considered of some significance:
 - a. The functionaries must intensively propagate the idea of peace in the ranks of the workers and at the same time it must be realized that it may be necessary to take up arms and fight for peace on the side of the great Russian people.
 - b. Those functionaries who do not use all their power of persuasion in speaking for the Oder-Neisse line will be called to account by the central party headquarters. There is only one line to follow, namely, the will of the great Stalin and unconditional respect for it.
 - c. Although the FDJ rally in Berlin did not have the expected political and financial result, it must be emphasized in every party rally and conference that the fixed objectives have been reached.
 - d. All personal controversies within the party must be put into the background until after the great SED party conference in Berlin. This applies also to pronounced discontent within SED groups. With the help of the High Commission sharp measures will be taken against saboteurs after the party conference. *

* Comment: This report is submitted as an example of the training of SED functionaries for their work within the party.

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